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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

International application No. PCT/US04/04570	Applie 60,469	cant's or agent's file reference 9-093	FOR FURTHER ACTION		ration of Transmittal of International Search Report [7/ISA/220] as well as, where applicable, item 5			
This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau. This international search report consists of a total of sheets. It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report. Basis of the Report a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)). b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing: contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyon a need disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I). Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II). With regard to the title, the text is approved as submitted by the applicant. the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:				h/year)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year)			
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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1	6.	The figure of the drawings to be	published with the abstract is Figure No	. <u>1</u>				
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)					
This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:					
1. Claim Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:					
Claim Nos.: because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:					
3. Claim Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).					
Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)					
This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:					
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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.					
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.					
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:					
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:					
Remark on Protest					
No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.					

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Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) U.S.: 198/333							
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched							
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)							
C. DOC	UMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT						
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Α	US 5,988,350 A (Nusime et al) 23 November 1999 ((23.11.1999), all 1-20					
Further	documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.	See patent family annex.					
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